

CONVENT AND STAGE

Many Prominent Figures Before Footlights Have Had Religious Training

Julia Marlowe, Mrs. Fiske, Ethel Barrymore, Margaret Anglin, and Dorothy Donnelly, Are Instances—Ollis Skinner, One of the Best Known American Actors, Is the Son of a Minister

NEW YORK.—Hard as it is to think of the altar as a recruiting place for the stage, it is a fact that many of the most successful American actresses spent their young lives in the ecstasy of religious preparation.

Spending their young lives in the convent and expecting to devote the future to religious work, they fell under the lure of the footlights and took up the profession of Theatricals.

Not less than five women holding important places on our stage come under this classification.

Miss Dorothy Donnelly, long before she had a chance to show her powers in George Bernard Shaw's "Candida," and before the author of "The Lion and the Mouse" had even put a pen to paper, was confined within the walls of a convent.

It had been her choice as a young girl, and even after leaving the quiet home of her childhood, and bidding farewell to the sisters, she had maintained such an affection for the Academy of the Sacred Heart that every time her engagements bring her to New York she spends a considerable part of her time at the beautiful convent.

While Miss Donnelly was going to this school of religious instruction in

great roles for women have their source in the devotion of the characters. Here Miss Marlowe is supreme. As Jeanne d'Arc, for example, she had a matchless chance, and all who have seen that beautiful portrait of the dreamy, thoughtful, patriotic French maiden who finally goes to martyrdom, will bear witness to its truthfulness.

Maude Adams, another of the most popular actresses, progressed from the quiet, thoughtful life of the convent to the flash and glitter of the footlights. As a youngster she was frail, and her health was so poor that it was feared that her chances of maturing to robust womanhood were meager. Even now no one who saw the actress in "Peter Pan," for instance, would accuse her of being an amazon, but she has the endurance to withstand the rigors of long tours, and of the jumps from one one night stand to another, without discomfort, so it can be said that she has no serious complaint on the subject of health.

Mrs. Fiske Convent Bred.
To see Mrs. Fiske in any of the intellectual roles that make up her repertoire no one would imagine that this exponent of the ultra modern in the dramatic art was another of the graduates from altar to the stage.

Since her meteoric return to the stage after a period of absence from it,

to the church. In fact, the first theatrical performances of which history has an authentic record are those given by priests of the church in order to carry to those who could not read the great truths of the faith.

Nowadays it is nothing uncommon for ministers of the gospel to come forward as playwrights. A number of successful dramas have been written by men of the cloth.

Rev. Walter Bentley, a well-known Episcopal clergyman, and president of the Actors' Church alliance, was formerly an actor, and a good one.

Ollis Skinner, one of the best known actors on the American stage, certainly one who does much to maintain the great traditions of the days when the classics reigned supreme, is the son of a preacher, and scattered on the stage of England and the United States are many sons and daughters of men of the cloth.

Flora Zabelle is a clergyman's daughter; in fact, the list could be extended indefinitely.

Undoubtedly the increasing number of amateur dramatic organizations have done much to forward the improvement of relations between the church and the stage.

Many churches have dramatic organizations as a sort of adjunct, a part of the social life of the church body.

These organizations produce one or two plays a winter. The members rehearse most carefully. They attain often a remarkable proficiency, and as they do the work entirely for the love of it they find a pleasure in turning over to the church whatever proceeds may accrue.

Through these and other means that old-time chasm between stage and the church, which formerly seemed to be impassable, is being bridged.

WET DAY FOR GEN. EDWARDS

Newspaper Correspondents Seized Opportunity to Participate in the Soldier's Favorite Drink.

Brig. Gen. Clarence Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs and intimate friend of President Taft, is one of the most popular men in public life in Washington.

When General Edwards was at Hot Springs, Va., some of the natives introduced him to a very excellent drink, the principal ingredient of which was champagne. The general sampled it and found it to his liking. He told a newspaper correspondent about it and proposed that they try it.

The invitation was intended only for that particular correspondent, but, being an unselfish person, he wished to let his friends in on the sampling proposition.

"Edwards is going to introduce me to a new kind of drink," he informed the fellow-workers. "We are now on the way to the bar. Pass the word along the line and round the boys up. I'll hold him until you arrive."

The general and the correspondent walked into the bar and gave their orders. Pretty soon the rest of the correspondents dropped into the room in a careless sort of manner. All of them took occasion to walk over and say "Howdy" to the general.

"Join us," said the general to the first two who arrived. They did. A couple more arrived.

"Join us," said the general.

They did, and as they joined there was a stream of pencil-pushers crowding through the doors with more outside waiting for a chance to get in. The general looked them over, gazed reproachfully at the man who was intended to be his only guest, and then remarked to the bartender.

"Make enough of those concoctions for every newspaper man in Hot Springs. I seem to be up against it."

—Washington Times.

Improving Americans.

"Nothing is fixed but the certainty of change," said Goethe, and we know that the future American will represent a change. He may be taller or shorter or thinner or fatter than the American of today, but there is nothing in the existing state of society—and we use society in its broad sense—to indicate that he will not be better in many ways. Confidence in this is based largely on the evident determination of the American of today to leave our institutions and our ideals better than he found them. Every American—native or foreign born—wants his children to have a better education than it was possible for him to secure. He wants to have his children live in a community of higher standards and ideals than he has; he wants betterment in local, state and national conditions; and the result of the want will be improvement and a demand by his children for still greater improvement.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The Fishing Otter.

The otter used by Scottish poachers is one of the most deadly fishing instruments known. In some waters it is far more effective than a net. It may be described as a water kite, which serves to take out over the water a line bearing 50 or more flies. The otter itself is a floating piece of board loaded along one side to keep it upright. The poacher walks along the side of the loch or river, letting out the fly-decorated line as he goes, the other board gradually working out toward the center. An enormous area of water is fished at one time and numbers of fish are killed.—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Necessary Delay.

"Why did you postpone your divorce proceedings?"

"It was absolutely necessary to do so," replied Mrs. Fleming, "until I could consult with my photographer. I haven't a picture that I would be willing to see in print."

CANADA FORGING AHEAD

Thomas C. Shottwell, one of the greatest market reporters in America, writes from New York, under date of March 20th, and says:

"The tariff tangle with Canada which President Taft has taken in hand is of importance chiefly because of the multitude of American farmers that are crossing into the Canadian northwest. Most conservative estimates of their number place it at 150,000 for 1910. Some say as many as 250,000 will cross. These are all expert farmers and their places in the United States are being filled by untrained men from Europe and from the cities. Canada is gaining rapidly in agricultural importance and within a few years the United States will have to call on the Dominion for wheat. Production of wheat in the United States is not keeping pace with the population. A tariff war would complicate the problem of getting food. Even now Canadian farmers are getting higher prices for their cattle on the hoof and Canadian housewives are paying less for meat in the butcher shops than farmers and housewives are receiving and paying in the United States. The tariff on cattle and wheat must be removed as between the two countries before long."

Gentlemen Two.
Two street cleaning department men were having an altercation as they were driving their carts side by side along upper Broadway the other afternoon. One was "red-faced" and bulbous-nosed, the typical "runny." The other was an aged-headed negro. Both looked utterly disreputable.

"Get out of my way!" yelled the red-faced man. "Don't chaffer know enough to get out of my way when you see a gentleman?"

"I'm more of a gentleman than you, you big run," retorted the negro. "You'll drive a garbage cart, and I only pick up ashes."—New York Press.

A TRAIN LOAD OF TOBACCO.

Twenty-four Carloads Purchased for Lewis' Single Binder Cigar Factory.

What is probably the biggest lot of fancy grade tobacco held by any factory in the United States has just been purchased by Frank P. Lewis, of Peoria, for the manufacture of Lewis' Single Binder Cigars. The lot will make twenty-four carloads, and is selected from what is considered by experts to be the finest crop raised in many years. The purchase of tobacco is sufficient to last the factory more than two years. An extra price was paid for the selection. Smokers of Lewis' Single Binder Cigars will appreciate this tobacco.

—Peoria Star, January 16, 1909.

An Improvement.

"How did you enjoy your vacation?"

"Fine! It made a new man of me!"

"I congratulate your wife."

Trained Nurses Earn \$15 to \$25 Weekly

Free tuition in a fine non-sectarian private hospital in Kansas City. Send for illustrated booklet. Address for particulars, EASTMAN SANITARIUM, Harrison street, Kansas City, Missouri.

A Sad Case.

"Do you prefer your eggs poached or scrambled?"

"I can't remember."

GOOD HOUSEKEEPERS.

Use the best. That's why they buy Red Cross Ball Blue. At leading grocers 5 cents.

Even a truthful man is occasionally guilty of exaggeration.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

Let each man think he is the one man—for the time.

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The Man Lower Down.
"The best trust doesn't worry me any."
"What then is your worry?"
"The marketman who won't trust."—Boston Herald.

Red, Weak, Watery Eyes.
Relieved By Murine Eye Remedy. Try Murine For Your Eye Troubles. You Will Like Murine. It Soothes. See at Your Druggists. Write For Eye Book. Free. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.

Where good thoughts germinate there is the growth of true greatness and goodness.—Lee.

WHITE SPOT YOUR CLOTHES.
Use Red Cross Ball Blue and keep them white as snow. All grocers, 5c a package.

There's nothing in it for the undertaker when a man is buried in oblivion.

PERRY DAVIS' PAINKILLER.
Is "an ounce of prevention" as well as a "pound of cure" for bowel troubles, and wounds, cuts, and other ills. 50c and 100c sizes. Use a positive, free for cash.

Some of our first impressions were made by mother's slipper.

Constipation causes many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. J. C. Plummer's Pleasant Pellets. One a day, three for constipation.

Live for the present. The future takes care of itself.

WOMAN'S GENTLE NATURE CALLS FOR GENTLE TREATMENT

Delicately formed and gently reared women will find, in all the seasons of their lives, as maidens, wives or mothers, that the one simple, wholesome remedy which acts gently and pleasantly and naturally, and which may be used with truly beneficial effects, under any conditions, when the system needs a laxative, is—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna. It is well known to be a simple combination of the laxative and carminative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic liquids, which are agreeable and refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system when its gentle cleansing is desired.

Only those who buy the genuine Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna can hope to get its beneficial effects, and as a guarantee of the excellence of the remedy, the full name of the company—California Fig Syrup Co.—is printed on the front of every package, and without it any preparation offered as Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna is fraudulent and should be declined. To those who know the quality of this excellent laxative, the offer of any substitute, when Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna is called for, is always resented by a transfer of patronage to some first-class drug establishment, where they do not recommend, nor sell false brands, nor imitation remedies. The genuine article may be bought of all reliable druggists everywhere; one size only. Regular price 50 cents per bottle. Get a bottle today to have in the house when needed.

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